# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN BIHAR
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Bihar State is lagging behind in the field of agriculture as compared to other States;

(b) if so, whether the average production of both wheat and paddy in the State is much below than the national average;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the development of agriculture in the State or received any proposal from the State Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government on this proposal so far?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The state of Bihar is lagging behind in the field of agriculture compared to some other states. The average production per hectare of area (productivity) of various crops in Bihar is lower than that of some other states. The productivity of some of important crops in Bihar vis-a-vis that of all India level during 1998-99 is given under:

Kgs/Hectare

| Crops | Bihar | All India |
|---|---|---|
| Rice | 1301 | 1928 |
| Wheat | 1992 | 2583 |
| Foodgrains | 1441 | 1620 |
| Oilseeds | 699 | 944 |
| Sugarcane | 48547 | 72560 |

The productivity of crops depends on a large number of factors such as Agro climatic conditions ,farm size, application of inputs, level of investment and managerial skills. Since these factors vary a great deal from state to state, so does the productivity.

(d) to (f): To develop agriculture in different parts of the country including Bihar, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme envisages integration of 27 Plan schemes into one scheme for supplementation/ complementation of states' efforts through work plans which give flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.

The Government has received a work plan proposal from Government of Biharunder Macro Management Scheme which is under examination.